WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, ADMINISTRATOR.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT IN THE CASE OF WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, ADMINISTRATOR OF LEWIS McDANIELS, DECEASED, AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

January 8, 1904.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE, Washington, January 7, 1904.

Sir: Pursuant to the order of the court, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings of fact filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883, known as the Bowman Act.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

John Randolph, Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 8403. Estate of Lewis McDaniel, deceased, v. The United States.]

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that Lewis McDaniel, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed May 14, 1894.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 8403. William H. Taylor, administrator of Lewis McDaniel, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States, for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 2d day of March, 1891.

On a preliminary inquiry the court on the 14th day of May, 1894, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or store or from whom they were

alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States

throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 2d day of December, 1901. Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by George H. Gorman, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States, residing in Jefferson County, State of Tennessee, where the decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said period the United States forces, by proper authority, took from said decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$1,050 and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army, as follows:

1,050 bushels of corn, at \$1 per bushel ...

Taken from his farm near Mossy Creek, Jefferson County, Tenn., by the command of General Sturgis, on or about the 21st day of December, 1863.

The court, upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and arguments of

counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDING OF FACT.

There was taken from the claimant's decedent, in Jefferson County, State of Tennessee, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States for the use of the Army, property of the kind and character above described which was then and there reasonably worth the sum of four hundred and thirty-seven dollars (\$437).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

BY THE COURT.

Filed April 28, 1902. A true copy. Test this 7th day of January, A. D. 1904. SEAL.

JOHN RANDOLPH, Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.